Australia as a multicultural nation

Whilst Australia is certainly a highly multicultural nation, we are by no means the only country in the world with an ethnically diverse population. As such, we will be examining Australia’s ethnic diversity by using what is known in Sociology as ‘Comparative Methodology’.

Your task Part A

You are to select TWO developed nations and (using statistical research) produce a statistical comparison of their ethnic diversity (multiculturalism) in comparison to Australia’s. One of these nations must be MORE DIVERSE than Australia and the other must be LESS DIVERSE. If you are unsure of the countries you wish to choose, check with your teacher before you begin your research.

Questions you will address (and their answers):

- Which countries can I choose from? Any developed (first world) nations.
- How do I present my data? Ideally in graph form although you can include written statements or (small) tables.
- How do I produce graphs? Either in MS Excel or via any number of websites.
- Where do I find information? Your teacher will give you some information relating to Australia but you will need to locate your own information for your ‘comparison countries’. Hit the web!
- What information should I include? Nationality, heritage and religion (at least).
- How long should my comparison be? Probably 2-3 pages. Graphs take up a lot of space.

Your task Part B

Write a short article entitled ‘Exploring Australia’s Ethnic Diversity’. This article must be between 400 and 500 words and must be a succinct and clear piece of writing that provides an overview of Australia as a multicultural nation. In order to complete this task, you will most definitely draw on the research that you have conducted and the comparisons that you have drawn with your two developed nations.